

## New catalog adds three new rarity ratings

in the new U.S. perfins catalog is in the ratings of individual patterns. The basic system has remained unchanged: A for the rarest patterns and F for the most common. But there are three additional ratings: B+, C+, and D+.

pattern was rated A if there were five or fewer copies known. In the new system, the A rating has been extended to ten copies. In like fashion, the number of stamps known for a pattern to be rated B+ has been set at 11 through 20, the B rating has been set at 21 through 40, and C+ from 41 through 80. Other changes to the rating system are explained in the introduction to the catalog.

A 947 changed.

A	547	An interesting feature of the catalog is a breakdown of the commercial patterns by rating—shown at left.
B+	522	
B	1,010	
C+	683	
C	977	
D+	430	It is interesting to note that relatively few U.S. perfins are considered really common (the F rating) while there are nearly a
D	841	
E	823	
F	126	

thousand perfin patterns for which there are ten or fewer copies known.

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